UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 2/26/64

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

At the request of The President's Commission Inspector James Inspector Leo Gauthier and Special Agent Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt met with representatives of The Commission on 2/25/64 to further review the films assassination made by Zapruder, Nix and Muchmore. The Muchmore film obtained from the United Press International (UPI) and had not been seen by Commission. In addition, Mr. Herbert G. Orth, Assistant Chief of Life Magazine Photographic Laboratory, was present to show the original of the Zapruder film that had not previously been available.

These films were reviewed in an effort to pinpoint as nearly as possible the exact location of the President's car at the time of each of the shots and to establish, if possible, the time intervals between the shots. It not clear what purpose this will serve in The Commission's investigation of assassination but since The Commission has requested Bureau assistance in film review we are cooperating.

Although the original Zapruder film contains better detail than th copies previously examined, no new evidence was developed as a result of th film review. The original film did give an opportunity to better observe the position of Governor Connally and there is a possibility that a frame by fram study of this portion of the film in conjunction with the medical report showi the path of the bullets may help to establish the approximate point in the film which Governor Connally was shot. Because of the possibility of damage to t original film a frame by frame study could not be made. Mr. Orth of Life Magazine offered to make and provide 35 mm color slides of all pertinent fra for this study and furnish them to an Agent of the New York Office of the FBI transmittal to the Laboratory. When these films are received they will be ex in the Laboratory and then made available to The Commission.

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